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17 May 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM: [REDACTED] OTR/IS/OBF

SUBJECT: Report on Vietnam Station
Orientation #8-68 (No. 25)

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1. Basic Data

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[REDACTED] students completed the 25th running of the Vietnam Station Orientation (VSO), 30 April-2 May 1968 in Room GA 13. The student roster included two members of OTR, [REDACTED].

2. Schedule

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Two changes had to be made; [REDACTED] had to be replaced, because of a meeting, by his deputy, Mr. [REDACTED], who had initially agreed to give his talk as scheduled and as previously given by his chief, subsequently and arbitrarily declined to give it on the grounds that it was a "non-subject!" and so did not make an appearance. This volte-face, needless to say, caused me no small anger; but since it had a happy ending, i.e., one satisfactory to me, and all are friends once again, I will not go into the gory details.

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3. New Speakers

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We had two new speakers in this VSO: Mr. Daniel [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] of the A&E Staff. Mr. [REDACTED] presentation is discussed in the following paragraphs.

4. Reappearance of an Old Topic in the VSO

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"Enduring Enemy Detention" was a regular feature of the Orientation until [REDACTED], who made the talk, went PCS to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] who made an excellent presentation, was not replaced largely because FE

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people considered the topic unnecessary and potentially alarming to people heading for Saigon. It has since been re-instituted because of experiences connected with the Tet offensive. The lecture would normally be given by [REDACTED] of A&E; but he was unable to be present and so it was given by [REDACTED].

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5. Critiques

I asked only two questions on the critiques; (1) which presentation would you eliminate if you had to eliminate one? and (2) what was your reaction to the lecture on enemy detention?

Aside from the general injunction to eliminate nothing, there was no uniformity in the responses. Some hours that were singled out were the talks on insurance, living conditions, medicine, and one or two of the films. The reaction to the detention lecture was fairly uniform; everybody thought it worthwhile but thought the speaker could have done a better job and could have been more forthcoming on statistics of Agency prisoners in enemy hands.

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